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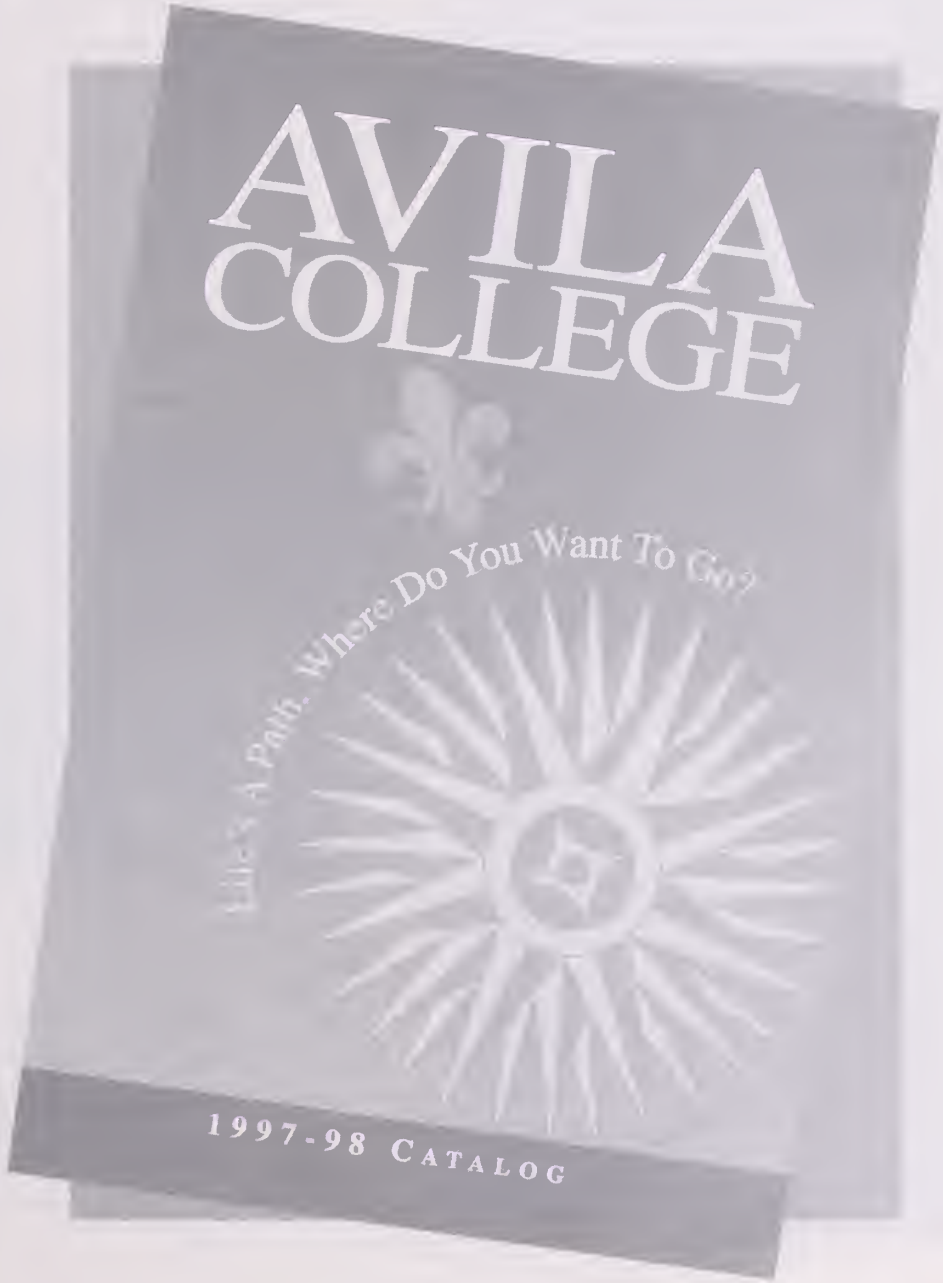

Dear Alum,

It is good to contact you once again with an *Accent*. We have been making some changes at Avila — the first you will notice is the format of this newsletter. We hope you enjoy this "magazine style" and will find the information about your alma mater interesting and informative.

Another change we have made is in our curriculum. Sr. Marie Joan Harris, Ph.D., Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs, has been working with the faculty extensively to create a challenging program of study for our students. You will find this featured on the following page — I'm sure you will take note of the demands of education and the future of academy!

Please enjoy this edition of *Accent*. We'll be in contact again with an *Accent* in winter and spring. Feel free, however, to visit the campus on any season. My door is always open to friends and alumni.

Sincerely,

Larry Kramer

Dr. Larry Kramer
Avila College President

From the Alumni Director

Dear Alums:

As we have just closed the end of the 80th academic year of Avila College, I reflect on the rich traditions of our alma mater. While our physical appearance has changed from our beginnings at 5600 Main to our campus at 119th and Wornall, the spiritual and educational traditions continue to make a significant impact on the students we educate and the communities they then live in as Avila alumni.

During the two years since becoming your alumni director, I have seen the traditions that attracted me here as a student in the 70's from yet another perspective. As a student, alumni volunteer, alumni association board member and now your alumni director, I have seen these traditions and their outcomes through slightly different views along each path. The core of the values and traditions, however, remains the same. While Avila has changed and grown over the years, I believe the essence of Avila as it was in 1916 would still be viewed the same by each one of us today.

Homecoming is the single common weekend that encourages alumni to take the path home to Avila. It seems not to matter whether alums graduated on this Wornall ground or that of the midtown campus, your pride in Avila's progress is exhilarating. Many of you, however, have not needed a reunion weekend to celebrate your traditions here. I thank those of you who have dropped in to reconnect with your beginnings, join us for a game with our athletes, attend the opening of a theatrical performance or network after hours with fellow alums.

I am continually reminded of the rich traditions that you carry in your individual lives. Your communications to me reassure me that you see that your path back here is wide and open. Over the course of the coming year, I encourage you to make the commitment to join us for at least one additional opportunity to enjoy the rich Avila traditions that you have helped build—whether it is through volunteering for an event, attending a performance or sharing your career experience with one of our classes through our alumni networking program. There has never before been so great an opportunity for the alumni to make a difference for Avila College.

You are not only our past but also our future. Have a peaceful summer.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Ellen Clark

Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '73
Director of Development & Alumni Relations

ACADEMICS AT AVILA

New Curriculum Challenges, Promoting Value-Based Learning

"What do we want every Avila Graduate to know, to be, and to be able to do?"

This question, asked in January 1990 by Avila's full-time faculty, started a process to revise the college curriculum. The revision would improve the already high academic standards of Avila College and challenge the faculty and administration to seek some of the highest standards of education in the United States.

The implementation of the Core Curriculum led to the development of new courses and the revision of existing ones. Each of these courses must address the Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO) developed by the entire faculty. These challenge the faculty to think about teaching and learning in ways that incorporate diverse perspectives, include dialogues about equity, justice, power, and civility and prepare graduates for responsible citizenship in society. In addition, the curriculum is to be a reflection of the unique mission, values, and purposes of Avila College.

With these guidelines in mind, the new curriculum is based around four general education outcome categories: Personal, Spiritual, and Social Development; Communication; Higher-Level Thinking Skills; and Knowledge. The faculty have identified Intended Learning Outcomes for the core requirements and for the major. Through these outcome areas come the following four-level curriculum structure:

Level I Foundations
Level II Heritage, the Contemporary World, and Self
Level III Application and Integration
Level IV The Educated Person in Society

Across all four levels of the curriculum, higher-level thinking skills and communication skills are taught. Every course offered must address at least one higher-level thinking ILO. Communication skills are emphasized by requiring students to complete at least five Communication Intensive courses, including courses in the major and in the core curriculum.

At the second semester sophomore level and above, students take interdisciplinary courses which challenge them to make connections and experience the complexity of multiple approaches to the same issues. Through these courses a liberal arts education puts into practice multi-level thinking and a holistic approach to a variety of issues.

At Level IV, the student is challenged through a capstone course. In this course students address a theme selected by the faculty, interact with students from various disciplines, experience multiple approaches to an issue, and are challenged to integrate prior knowledge.

"This is a very unique approach to integrating a student's education in the liberal arts with the mission, values, and purposes of the college to prepare students for responsible life-long contribution to the contemporary world. There are very few colleges or universities who have adopted this approach," says Sr. Marie Joan Harris, Ph.D., CSJ, Vice President and Academic Dean. "The capstone is designed to be the culmination of the student's Avila experience."

The curriculum change was introduced in phases. With the 1997-98 academic year, the total revision of the curriculum is complete and implemented. Ongoing assessment plays a further role in development and modification of course work and curriculum planning. Through current student and alumni surveys, benchmark readings are taken to ensure the outcomes and goals of the curriculum are being met.

"This work has significantly improved the academic quality of the institution and establishes Avila College as a leader in curriculum development. All of this is due to the commitment of the faculty who have spent untold hours on this project. They are to be commended for their efforts and successes," says Sr. Harris.

COMMISSION INVITES COMMENTS

Avila College is seeking comments from the public about the college in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. Avila will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit March 1-4, 1998, by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Avila has been accredited by the Commission since 1946. The team will review Avila's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's criteria for accreditation and general institutional requirements.

Please submit comments to:

Public Comment on Avila College
Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

All comments must be received by December 1, 1997.

BRIDGE MARATHON

The Avila bridge players are always looking for new players to join them. You don't have to be a pro to play, all levels of skill are welcome!

Join them once a month from September thru May.

Contact Mary Pat Beck '68 at (816) 941-0529 for more information and to sign up a chapter in your area.

Eagle Wedding Bells

Mrs. Robert C. Barackman '85: Son Rob was married in May '97.

Mrs. Patricia (Berg) Nelson '92: Married to Troy Nelson in Spring 1997.

Mrs. Kelly Beth Bendis '94: Married to Joseph John Tanona of Worcester, Mass., at 7 p.m. on Aug. 30, 1996, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Overland Park. Kelly is a kindergarten teacher for the Chicago Public School District; Joseph is employed at Sweetheart Cup Corp. The couple resides in Downers Grove, Ill.

Mrs. Stacy (Street) Barb '95: Married to Chris Barb August 3, 1996.

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Do you remember...

The Avila College athletics department is looking for a few good men and women who proudly wore the Purple and Gold. This is a call for old rosters, team lists and programs. We're filling in the blanks in our archives and need your help. Please share any and all lists of former Avila athletes. We'll make copies and promise to return them promptly.

Call with questions or send information to:
Jim Huber, Jr. '93, '95 Assist. Director of Athletics, Head Men's Basketball Coach
Avila College
11901 Wornall Road
Kansas City, MO 64145
816-942-8400 ext. 2343

Avila Theater Announces '97-'98 Season

You Can't Take It With You
by Moss Hart and George Kauffman
October 3, 4, and 5 (8 p.m.)
Matinee — October 6 (2 p.m.)

Buried Child
by Sam Shepard
November 13, 14 and 15 (8 p.m.)
Matinee — November 16 (2 p.m.)

Medea
by Euripides
February 26, 27 and 28 (8 p.m.)
Matinee — March 1 (2 p.m.)

Assassins
by Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman
April 23, 24 and 25 (8 p.m.)
Matinee — April 26 (2 p.m.)

Eagle CLUB Join The Eagle Club
Support Avila College

Fast breaks and slam dunks...ace spikes and serves...hits, runs and squeeze bunts...corner kicks and penalty kicks! Avila men's and women's intercollegiate athletic programs have had a rich history and continue to build a winning tradition.

Be a part of "Something Powerful in the Air." The future of Avila athletics is brighter than ever before. Highlights of the past year show that the 1996 season brought success across the board. Our women's basketball program posted its best record ever, winning the runner-up conference tournament title. Men's soccer also improved their record, making it into the conference playoffs under the coaching leadership of alum Dylan Aimen. Women's softball also achieved its best record to date, with senior pitcher, shortstop Michelle Kessler receiving Conference Player of the Year honors. Mike Klein, designated hitter for Avila's baseball team, also landed the Conference Player of the Year award, while competing with the team in the bi-regionals.

The Eagle Club is the booster organization that supports Avila's athletic department in many ways. The participation of our alums and friends will play a major role in the future growth and development of Avila's athletic program and its student-athletes. The greatest benefit will be your pride in the Purple and Gold and your satisfaction in helping these athletes in their pursuit of excellence.

Call us for more information on the newly reorganized Eagle Club. We now have more than ever to offer our members.

Contact Avila Eagle Club at 942-8400 ext. 2356 or Email your request to CrozierMR@mail.Avila.edu

Alumni Births (Future Eagles!)

Mrs. Leo F. Steuve '55: Her 15th grandchild was born recently.

Mr. William D. O'Grady '78: New son born 5-11-96 Brian Neal.

Mrs. Linda L. Cosgrove '82: Baby #3 Erin Marie.

Mr. John Purpura '83: Baby boy, William John, born 2-21-97; 7lbs. 14oz. and 20" long

Dr. David & Kathleen Berberich '84: Baby #2 on the way due date 12-25-97.

Ms. Cheryl G. Campos '84: 1st grandchild born recently.

Mrs. Christina Schaeffer '84: New son born April 8, 1996 9lbs. 11oz. Charles Joseph. Also has 2 daughters.

Mr. John P. Monahan '85: Has new daughter Bonnie Jean.

Mrs. Eric Warren Amundson '86: New baby Grace Ann born May 30.

Mrs. Debra Edwards '89: Had a baby boy Jeremiah Joseph July 31, 1996.

Mrs. Amy Alexander '93: New baby Bailey Elizabeth Alexander born on June 11, 1996.

Jason and Cecelia Spaeth '95: Had a baby boy, Jordan Tyler Spaeth on November 22, 1995.

THERE'S SOMETHING POWERFUL IN THE AIR

Wear the Pride

Watch for our new apparel and collectible catalog in the next issue of ACCENT

Pathways: The campaign for Avila College Kickoff

Pausing for a picture *at the Donor Thank You Barbecue and Capital Campaign Kickoff were (from left) Dr. Larry and Jan Kramer, Emmy and Michael Morrissey, Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, and Marion and Henry Bloch.*

On April 25, 1997, *Pathways: The Campaign for Avila College* received an official kickoff with speeches from Avila President, Dr. Larry Kramer, Board of Trustees Chairman, Michael Morrissey, and Honorary Campaign Co-Chairperson Henry Bloch.

The campaign is fortunate to have as leaders such recognized national figures. The Blochs agreed to be the honorary chairpersons because of their belief in Avila, and their long friendship with the institution.

The following is an excerpt from Henry Bloch's remarks:
We are not in the habit of lending our names and support to an organization unless we believe strongly in their integrity and mission. We believe in Avila, and we especially admire the commitment that Sister Olive Louise and Dr. Kramer share in the advancement of its mission.

Avila College is one of those organizations to which we are proud to lend support. Avila lives by a set of Values, and they have held true to those same thoughts for 80 years.

You are a key to the continual growth of the students and the college. The commitment of people such as yourselves allows Avila to continue offering this unique combination of quality education and strong social values. In the role of honorary chairpersons to this campaign, we hope we can reflect the level of commitment ***you*** *have already demonstrated.*

Michael Morrissey also delivered a speech to the campaign crowd in his capacity as both Chairman of the Board of Trustees and as campaign chairperson. The following is an excerpt from his comments:
The Board of Trustees is proud to support this campaign entitled, "Pathways: The Campaign for Avila College."

Now is the time when we reach further. We, together, must reach out into the community and have others — our friends and colleagues — help us with what we believe in. We need to share the story of this institution with our friends, and they, too, will see the students — and in those students they will see the future. The students are why this campaign is so important.

I am confident that we can all dedicate ourselves to not only reaching, but exceeding our $8 million dollar goal.

This campaign is an investment in an institution we all know has a wonderful payback. The possibilities of where each pathway to success will take the students we are helping has a greater reach than we can imagine. But it can only be done with our support and prayer.

Alumni Deaths

Ms. Nellie Lu Rice '40: Passed away on May 5, 1997.
Walter DeHaven, husband of Mrs. Barbara DeHaven '50 passed away May 24, 1996.
Rosetta Altman, mother of Mrs. Vincent D. Koehler '62, passed away May 3rd, 1996.
Mrs. Patricia E. Smith '79: Passed away on August 22, 1996 and is survived by her husband and one daughter.
Ms. Marilyn K. Purnell '90: Her husband passed away recently and she has adopted a daughter.
Sr. Andrea Rodgers: Passed away in October 1996.
Mrs. Magdalena Zuniga '83: Passed away on November 25, 1996 and was survived by her husband and four children.

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Estate Sale Benefits Student Scholarships

After Theodora "Teddy" Tucker joined the Heritage Club at Avila, she decided she wanted to do even more than provide the usual monetary bequest. She also made provisions for Avila to accept and dispose of her personal belongings, with the money raised to go to student scholarships.

She became involved in the Heritage Club through her sister, Sister Marie Tucker '36, one of the Avila Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

When Teddy recently passed away, her furnishings were brought to the Whitfield Center on the Avila campus, and an estate sale was held which raised $15,000 for student scholarships, in addition to her generous Heritage Club bequest.

Avila staff and alumni volunteers handled all aspects of the sale, which saved the usual 25% charge associated with an estate sale. To assure that items were realistically priced, alumni O.J. Kroeker '84 and his wife, Rosita Kroeker '83, owners of Regency Antiques, contributed their pricing expertise.

"Donating the tangible items from an estate can be a very effective way to provide support for Avila's students. Often, family members of the deceased either have their own silver and china, or prefer to make their own selections of styles and patterns. A gift of these items to Avila relieves the family of the physical and emotional burden often accompanying the closing of a household, while, at the same time, making a positive impact upon Avila's students," says G. Richard Scott, Director of Planned Giving.

The Avila College Heritage Club was established in 1988 to recognize individuals who have made provisions for the college in their estate plans. Such provisions may include bequests, trusts, life insurance policies, a pooled income fund, and annuities. For more information on becoming a Heritage Club member, contact G. Richard Scott at (816) 942-8400, ext. 2327.

Jeanne Collins Thompson '54 Endowed Scholarship Reflects Donors' Values and Love of Family

When Jeanne Collins graduated from Avila in 1954, little did she dream that more than four decades later, students like her would be able to attend Avila because of the financial assistance provided by her husband Byron and herself.

In October 1996, the Jeanne Collins Thompson Endowed Scholarship was established at Avila, so that qualified students could experience the values-centered education which Jeanne felt had helped so greatly in the shaping of her life.

As Dr. Kramer said at the Annual Heritage Club Luncheon which honored Jeanne and the Thompson family:

"The college community is honored and proud to have a scholarship on our campus honoring Jeanne Collins Thompson. Byron and Jeanne Thompson and their family are outstanding role models for the Kansas City community. As an institution of teaching and learning, Avila believes that one of the most effective ways to teach is through example. Clearly, the example provided by the Jeanne Thompson Scholarship offers students an inspirational role model for generosity, personal courage, commitment to the family and service to others."

Because of Jeanne's contributions and example to others, the college named her, in 1995, "Avila College Alumna of the Year."

Carolyn Berbiglia is recognized by Dr. Larry Kramer as a new member of the Avila College Heritage Club.

Details on the 1997 Heritage Day Celebration will appear in the next issue of *Accent*. Call G. Richard Scott at (816) 942-8400, ext. 2327 to join the Heritage Club.

Dear Avila Alumni:

As the new Executive Director for Enrollment Services at Avila College, I look forward to meeting you. Thank you for your continued admissions support and referral of new students for Avila College. I'm sure you would like them to have the same great Avila experience you did.

Join us in our new recruitment campaign for 1998. I encourage you to promote our undergraduate and graduate programs to prospective students, teachers and other professionals who can recommend Avila College to their students.

Below please find an *Avila Alumni Student Referral Form* for your use. Please use it to give us the name and address of people who could be interested in our programs so we can send them recruitment materials. You can also use the form to send us names of teachers, influencers and referral sources. Simply indicate whether the name you give us is a student prospect or a potential referral person. Then, please return it to the Admissions Office.

I invite you to work closely with me and our Admissions Office in recruitment and follow-up activities to encourage admitted students to enroll. Your personal support and welcome will make a real difference to prospective students and to all of Avila College!

Encourage prospects, parents and teachers to visit our campus to learn more about our programs and meet faculty, staff and current students who will be happy to answer their questions. Remember to tell prospects and teachers that all admitted students are automatically considered for scholarships.

Please call me or our Admissions Office at **1-800-GO-AVILA** if you would like more information, or wish to give us names of prospects.

Thank you for your generous and enthusiastic support.

Best wishes,

Anne Farmer Meservey
Director for Enrollment Services

AVILA ALUMNI STUDENT REFERRAL FORM

Please return the information to:
Admissions Office
Avila College
11901 Wornall Road
Kansas City, MO 64145
Tel. **1-800-GO-AVILA** or (816) 942-8400 ext. 3500
FAX (816) 942-3362
e-mail address: Admissions@mail.Avila edu

This person is a: ____ potential student
____ teacher or influencer who could refer students to Avila

Name: _____

Street: _____

City:_____State:_____Zip:_____Telephone:_____

Degree Program of Interest _____

Term/Year of Desired Enrollment (e.g. Fall '97): _____

Comments:

Alumni contact's name and class year:
Maiden name:
Address:
City, State, ZIP:
Phone:

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

The Alumni Network lets you provide increased support for current students as well as local alumni. Consider one or all of the following opportunities to support Avila without spending any money.

- Act as a **CAREER CONTACT** Share your experience and advice with those considering your field of study or career.

- Conduct **SIMULATED INTERVIEWS** Assist students in refining their interview skills by conducting a practice interview at your place of employment.

- Participate in **CLASSROOM PROGRAMS** Share personal insights related to your career as a guest speaker or panelist.

- Consider Avila students and graduates to fill your **EMPLOYMENT** needs. Call 942-8400, x2266 to inform us of your needs and vacancies. We will post the notice for ninety days and spread the word.

- It's easy to have a positive impact on the lives of Avila students and your fellow alumni! To express interest, just call the Career Services office at 816-942-8400, x2266. We will take three to five minutes of your time to gather pertinent information and enter you into Avila's Alumni Network.

Annual Avila College Golf Classic

On October 15th at Loch Lloyd Country Club, 128 golfers played in the 13th Annual Avila College Golf Classic. The course at Loch Lloyd is featured annually on the PGA Seniors Tour, and the Avila tournament has been held there for four years.

Out of the 128 golfers, over 10 percent have played in the tournament for each of the 13 years, and more than 20 percent of the sponsors have sponsored the tournament each year.

The tournament raised needed funds for the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. This fund allows the children of Avila alumni to receive a scholarship, if they attend Avila (of course they would!).

Special thanks to: lunch sponsor, Jack Fiorella's Smokestack BBQ, Avila Alumni Association, community sponsors who gave cash gifts at various levels, volunteers who helped on the day of the event, and the alumni board and committee members who helped with planning and solicitation of gifts.

And in first place . . . *The team from Faultless Linen: (from left) Kevin Handlin, George Lafferty, Al Conger, and Mike Spence. Faultless has been a sponsor for all 13 years of the event.*

Keeping us in the sauce. . . *For three years the team from Jack Fiorella's Smokestack BBQ, (from left) Kip McVey, Case Dorman, Kevin Fiorella, and Mike Wagner have been the lunch sponsors for the tournament.*

Helping the golfers with registration *are (from left) Susan Macko, Advancement Office Administrative Assistant; Pat Martin, Assistant to the Vice President for Advancement; Bobbi Courville, Executive Secretary; and Sr. Olive Louise Dallavis, President Emerita.*

Details on the 14th Annual Avila College Golf Classic will appear in the next issue of *Accent*.

For information contact Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '73 (816) 942-8400 x2236 or E-Mail ClarkME@Mail.Avila.edu

The 1997 Avila College Steer Dinner and Auction

Celebrating Avila's 80th Birthday

More than $200,000 was raised at the 1997 Steer Dinner and Auction, held March 8th at the Ritz-Carlton. This was the 21st Steer Dinner in Avila's 80-year history, and featured birthday cake and presents for nearly 700 guests, in addition to the more than 200 auction items, including vacations, artwork, high-tech items, and a 1997 Toyota Tercel.

Honored at Avila's Steer Dinner this year was Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, who served as Honorary Chairperson. Mary Beth Meyers continued her years of extraordinary support of Avila College as the Event Underwriter; Challenge Donors for the Steer Dinner were Rose Teicher; Universal Press Syndicate through the Andrews and McMeel Foundation, and Dorothy Whitfield. Dinner Patrons included Forster-Powers Charitable Trust and Sprint; Steer Dinner Benefactors were Ernst & Young LLP/Michael F. and Emmy Morrissey and Carondelet Health.

Fox-4 and KCTV-5 reporters Scott and Krista Klaus served as emcees for the evening.

This year's event saw an unprecedented number of alumni involved as planning committee members, table sponsors, guests, and volunteers.

Mary Beth Meyers, Event Underwriter; Rose Teicher, Challenge Donor; Dr. Larry Kramer, Avila President; Sr. Olive Louise Dallavis, Honorary Chairperson and President Emerita; and Jan Kramer

Art Caldwell, Marcy Caldwell '92, Greg Guthrie '86, and Debbie Guthrie '76, Table Sponsors

Don and Charlene Brain, Mary Jo McCann, and Dr. Larry Kramer

Evelyn Nelson Ryan, G. Richard Scott, Director of Planned Giving; and Marie Freeman

Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '73, Director of Development and Alumni Relations; Cameron Martin '88, Anthony Fasl '96, Jim Huber, Jr. '93, '95, Assistant Director of Athletics and Planning Committee Member; Debbie Guthrie '76, Planning Committee Member; Jeanne Olofson '92, '94, Table Sponsor; Heather Mackenzie '96, Vicki Short '85, Planning Committee Member; Connie Hubbard '91, Planning Committee Member; Bob Spence '77, Planning Committee Member; Merla Temple '95, Planning Committee Member; Judy Page '85, Planning Committee Member.

Dr. Larry Kramer, Avila President; Sr. Olive Louise Dallavis, Honorary Chairperson and President Emerita

Dr. Larry Kramer, Avila President; Mary Beth Meyers, Event Underwriter

Angelique Short , daughter of Vicki Short '85, and "friend", a Pembroke Welsh Corgi puppy, one of this year's auction items

John and Susan McMeel, Challenge Donors; Krista Klaus, KCTV-5 Reporter, Scott Klaus, FOX-4 Reporter, Emcees

Dr. Tim Barry, Vice President for Advancement; Ronda Barry, Karl Yeble, Director of Community Relations; Paula Yeble, Dr. Phyliss Bernstein '80 & '81, Planning Committee Member, and Bob Bernstein, Table Sponsors

Mark you calendars for the 22nd Annual Steer Dinner -- March 14, 1998!

HOMECOMING

Last year, more Avila alumni than ever followed the path back for Homecoming weekend. And with good reason. Homecoming '96 was an exciting time to reunite with friends, honor outstanding alumni, and celebrate Avila's 80th birthday. Here are some highlights!

The honored classes of '36, '46, '56, '71, '86, and '91 got together for their reunion class receptions, and all alumni could enjoy Avila College's newest theatrical offering, dinner theater — certainly something to sign up for at Homecoming '97.

Saturday morning started with a celebration of the Mass and brunch for St. Teresa Campus graduates in the St. Teresa Academy Chapel. The honored classes of '36 and '46 enjoyed the chance to be back on the St. Teresa campus for their special homecoming celebration.

Meanwhile, on the Avila campus, the Athletic department inducted three outstanding alumni to the Athletic Hall of Fame. Bill Waris, former Men's Basketball Coach and Athletic Director, was reinducted at the ceremony. Joe Schrick '83, soccer player, and Dennis Joyce '77, basketball player and former Men's Basketball Coach, were also inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Events on Saturday afternoon included a courtyard carnival and alumni soccer game, followed by an Avila Men's and Women's soccer game against York College. And with record alumni attendance at the carnival and soccer game, the Saturday events were a great success.

Five outstanding alumni were honored at the 1996 Alumni of the Year Award Ceremony. They were:

Matty Pat Gilford '46
Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award

Sister Kathleen Condry, OSU '72
Alumni Achievement Award

Nancy Haworth Fryer '80, '90
Graduate Alumni of the Year Award

Mary Pat Beck '68
Gertie Van Hee Myers '56
Lifetime Board Member Award

And winning the unofficial "alumni travel distance" award was **Germania Isurieta de Albuja '46**, who followed the long path back from Quito, Ecuador for her 50th class reunion. Germania found Avila from Ecuador — you should find your way back, too!

Be sure to follow the path back for Homecoming '97, October 3-5, 1997. And, if you are from the reunion classes of '37, '47, '57, '72, '87, or '92, please call the alumni office and become involved in planning your reunion this year!

Glad to be an alumna, *Matty Pat Campbell Gilford '46 receives the Outstanding Alumni of the Year award for 1996 from Dr. Larry Kramer, Avila President.*

A lifetime of service. *Mary Pat Beck '68 (center) receives the Lifetime Board Member Award from Dr. Larry Kramer, as Alumni Board President Karen Saar Garrison '87 (left) welcomes Beck as a permanent member.*

Sharing the day with her family, *Nancy Jo Haworth Fryer '80 & '90, receives the Graduate Alumni of the Year Award from Dr. Larry Kramer. With Fryer is her daughter Emily, her son Matthew, and her husband F. Patrick Fryer.*

Details about the 1997 Homecoming Celebration will appear in the next issue of *Accent.*

Call Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '73 for information on alumni activities in your area. (816) 942-8400 ext. 2236
or e-mail ClarkME@mail.Avila.edu

Hall of Fame inducts three. *(From left) Joe Schrick '83, Bill Waris (reinducted), and Dennis Joyce '77.*

50 YEAR CLASS TABLE — CLASS OF '47)
The Class of 1947 *meets monthly to keep in touch. At a recent homecoming planning meeting were (from left) Geraldine Sulzer, Grace Brown Teson, Mary Elizabeth Hessel Heiman, Sister Rosemary Flanigan CSJ, Sister Ann (Peggy) Jones CSJ, Marybeth Malsie Swartz, Maria LaSala Mueller, Kathryn McGuire Porras, Betty Ritchie Hornstra, and Katherine Childs Hake.*

A group of '86-ers. *A group from the class of 1986 gets together at Homecoming '96. (From left) Lynne McGuire, Lynn Ann Lehman Barrett, Kelly Walsh, Karen Henderson Halbhuber, Laura Replogle Admundson, Kathy Taral Boxx, and Bernadette Steuve Maddock.*

The Class of 1956 *followed the path back for homecoming 1996. (Back row from left) Terri Mayer Hanum, Kay McGrath Howa, Marilyn Glaze Tobias, Paula Main Crigger, Alice Wilhoit Hoffman, Mary Lyon Carter, Pat Meagher Collins, Kathryn McNerney. (Seated from left) Sue Turgeon van Thullenar, Shiloh Maguire Garies, Rosie Keithline Smith, Mary Lou Hensley Wike, Delores Vallejo Monanan, Delores Burch Henzlick, Gertrude Van Hee Myers.*

Recalling college memories *over alumni scrapbooks were (from left) Louise McNellis Kring '46, Helen Jane Gray Wald '46, Ann Taylor Downs '46, and Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, President Emerita.*

1956 Avila nursing graduates *get together for a homecoming reception. (From left) Marilyn Glaze Tobias, Alice Wilhoit Hoffman, Shiloh McGuire Garies, and Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, President Emerita.*

At the '46 class gathering *were (from left) Helen Jane Gray Wald, Matty Pat Campbell Gilford, Germania Albuja, Louise McNellis Kring, Ann Taylor Downs, and Kathleen Froeschl Baska.*

CLASS NOTES

Sr. Teresa Termini '37: Is the manager at the Redemptorist Residence in Kansas City.

Lois M. Poorman '42: Has joined her husband in Kiev, Ukraine where he has been named Fulbright Scholar to consult at a University there.

Catherine E. Derr '47: Enjoying retirement, traveling, clubs, etc. — especially a July '96 trip to Iceland.

Marybeth Swartz '47: Along with her husband, Jack, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 14, 1997.

Geraldine M. Carrigan '49: Has edited In the Kingdom of the Spirit by Josyp Terelya. This author's first book sold over 60,000 copies.

Sr. Martha Niemann '50: Reads the liturgy at St. Joseph Health Center in Kansas City.

Mrs. Thomas W. Hungerford '53: Is currently studying Spanish in order to teach English as a second language.

Mary Ann Bauman Yeats '58: Spoke to a group of St. Teresa Academy students where she emphasized the importance of education. At home, she serves as the President of the Children's Court in the District Court of Western Australia.

Mrs. James H. Robohn '59: Recently started a new job at Walden School for BOCES (board of cooperative educational services) in New York as a librarian.

Sr. Mary Ann Nestel '61: Is part of the staff of the Development Office at the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Mrs. Fred J. Schmiedeler '62: Ann has written a book entitled Sisters in Crisis: The Tragic Unraveling of Women's Religious Communities.

Sally Otto Merten '64 became the First Lady of George Mason University when her husband Dr. Alan Merten was named university president last fall. They live in Fairfax, Virginia and recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

Marty Downey '65: Took a 3 month leave of absence to travel to Africa with her husband, Hugh, to set up an organization, Lalmba. This organization provides homes for children whose parents have died from AIDS. Now Hugh and their daughter, Karen, are in Africa working on the project.

Mrs. J. Kelly Quick '65: Her son ia a sophmore at Franciscan Univ. in Steubenville, Ohio.

Gerald E. Daly '66: Has been named a family services counselor for Right Associates Consultants Inc. in Overland Park.

Mrs. Larry Cooper '67: Finishes family nurse practitioner course in December.

Leslie Striebinger Lewis '67: Lives in Australia and recently was awarded two awards for her work in breast cancer awareness in Australia. She was awarded the Medal of The Order of Australia, given by the Queen of England to recognize individuals "for achievement of meritorious service." She was also honored as one of six 1996 Australiana who have made an extraordinary contribution to society.

Carol Jean Stipetich DeFeo '68: President of the Metro Med Alliance and received the Missouri State Medical Association Alliance Member of the Year Award on April 11, 1997.

Sr. Barbara Dreher '71: Is a member of the Providence Leadership Team and has helped with the annual Donor Dinner.

Mrs. Richard G. Lawhorn '71: Her daughter Nicole graduated from St. Joseph Academy in '96 and started school at Georgia Tech. last fall.

Ms. Cynthia J. Passamonti '71: Named worldwide director of quality, October 1995.

Lt. Colonel Terry J. Caldwell '73: Recently retired from Army.

Mrs. Robert P. Hulett '73: In the 24th and 25th edition of "Who's Who in the Midwest" also is in 24th year of teaching at Burke Elementary in Hickman Mills School district.

Mrs. H. Richard Bagby '74: Nurse Education for Midwest Health Service in Topeka.

Ruth S. Campos '74: Recently retired from teaching 19 years in USD 500 in Kansas City, KS. She is the first Hispanic teacher to retire from this district. The Kansas Foreign Language Association named her teacher of the year.

Dr. John A. Carver '74: 10th year as Administrator for Bethesda Christian Schools.

Mrs. David G. Hooper '74: Just finished Masters from Widener University, is now a nurse practitioner.

Mrs. Jeanne Shidler '74: Recently retired after 25 years in special education.

Major Kathleen K. Young '74: Retired from Army after 22 years of service and received her MSN in nursing administration from the University of Alabama.

Miss Tracy S. Henrichson '76: Tracy was married on March 2, 1996 to Stephen Carlson.

Mrs. Roberta Knopke '76: Teaching 4th grade at Immaculate Conception school near St. Louis, Mo.

Katherine Rose Hodes Viesselman '76: Received a Bachelor's degree in special education and now teaches 2nd grade at Meadow Lane Elementary School.

Mrs. Barbara B. Mason '77: Currently working on PhD in Education at the University of MO-Columbia.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Nelson '77: Has established her own gerontology consulting firm, Nelson Consulting. For more information (818) 792-1102.

Jose R. Gonzalez '78: Received the Missouri Arts Council Award of Recognition for his support of arts in Missouri. He was given this award by Jean Carnahan and Roger Wilson during Citizens for the Arts Day.

Mr. Larry A. Overfield '78: Selected as Raytown, Mo., city marshall.

Dr. Brenda S. Prince '78: Dr. Prince has successfully passed her oral and written boards and is now Board Certified in Emergency Medicine. She is practicing Emergency Medicine in a Community Hospital in Dover, Ohio.

Rudy Gonzalez '79: Works in international sales for Systems Material Handling Company in Olathe, KS.

Mrs. Russell A King '79: Teaches Math at Kansas Newman. Received a $40,000.00 Eisenhower Grant for a project entitled "training with technology for middle school and secondary teachers".

Mig Lillig-Amey '79: Recently her shop, The Sculpture Gallery, moved from Seville on the Plaza to Corinth Square. Her shop contains gifts and small collectables and held its grand opening this spring.

Mr. Reed G. Alberg '80: Now Director of Marketing, Torres Consulting Engineers, K.C., MO.

Mr. Stephen H. Imgarten '80: Started own company Oct. 1,1996 as an Network Systems Engineering Consultant.

Mr. Thomas M. Rice '80: Works for AMGEN Inc., a biotechnology Co.

Mr. John M. Daugherty '81: Has started his own business -- Utility Solutions Association Inc.

Theresa Davis '81: Has been working at Central Methodist College in Fayette, MO.

Mr. Joseph W. Kenyatta '81: Is currently attending graduate school.

Janet K. McKinney '81: Received the Master of Arts in Religious Studies degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary. She is the Acquisition/Serials Librarian at the Leon E. Bloch Law Library at UMKC.

Mrs. Richard Rudy '81: Is attending

Florida State University for their graduate advanced practice degree.

Mrs. Gary B. Strong '81: Principal of Crittenton Spofford School.

Ms. Kaylee Beal '82: Named director of the Bank of Belton.

Ms. Ann Cathcart '82: Ann has recently become certified as a Healing Touch Practitioner through the American Holistic Nurses' Association and is now in private practice in Chanhassen, Minn., a suburb of Minneapolis.

Phil Fiorini '82: Starred in "Greater Tuna" and other performances at the American Heartland Theatre.

Ms. Susan Garrison '82: Susan works at NKC Hospital as Nursing Education Coordinator.

Mrs. Mary Hultman '82: Is going to school for Masters in nursing , son is a sophomore at Avila.

Mrs. Ethelyn F. Walther '82: She and her husband own Strawberry Hill Christmas Tree Farm-located 2 miles west of Lawrence on Hwy. 40. Fax (913) 841-2266.

Mrs. Dorothy Kelley '83: Currently part of the nationwide Catholic home schooling trend, instructing five of her seven children at home.

Dale M. Young '83: Has been named treasurer and director of finance for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Miss Lisa Chesebro '84: Working as a School Psychologist for past 7 years.

Judith L. Zillner '84: She was recently featured in the Kansas City Star's FYI section where she voiced her opinions of the candidates.

Miss Lori D. Bannerman '85: Graduated last May from KU with Masters in Nursing.

Mrs. Lori McGroder '85: Became partner of Shook, Hardy & Balon in 1996.

Karen Kessler Cain '86: Joined Coopers & Lybrand L.L.P. litigation and dispute resolution and labor and employment groups.

Dr. Marna L. McAferty '86: Appointed acting Director in Counseling Center at KU Medical Center.

Linda Morris '86: Has been named associate director of public relations at Bernstein-Rein Advertising. She will be in charge of developing national public relations programs and will spearhead a new business development.

Ms. Christine M. Walsh '86: Has a new job at Childrens Health Corp. of America as a research assistant.

Christine Ryan '87: Is a psychologist who specializes in helping divorced families. She recently was quoted in the Kansas City Star.

Mr. Mike McCollow '88: General Manager and Head Coach of St. Paul Slam.

Mrs. Ted Osborn '88: Recently started at Blue Springs High School teaching English.

Mr. Christopher M. Jarrett '89: Just started his own company S.E.P. Computers sells & services computer networks in Orlando, FL.

Mr. Todd A. Perkins '89: Is working in Radiological Science at Washington Univ. Medical School.

Eric J. Schmidt '89: Has been appointed to the director of business development at the CPC College Meadows Hospital in Lenexa. He will be responsible for contracting with managed care companies, pursuing affiliation with medical/surgical facilities, and product line development.

Ms. Kathleen M. Jones '92: Kay works with Shirley Yarnick (Avila alum) at JCCC Johnson County Community College. Kay teaches learning strategies and Shirley teaches English.

Mrs. Valerie E. Reif '92: Valerie is a reference Librarian at Topeka Public Library she oversees the History collection.

Mrs. Melanie N. Burdick '93: Is pursuing a Master's degree in English at UMKC.

Mrs. Marie Crego '93: Marie taught English in Japanese schools last year. This year is teaching 2nd grade on AFB base in Yokota (30 miles from Tokyo).

Jim Huber, Jr. '93 & '95: Recently hired as Head Men's Basketball Coach at Avila after serving three years as an assistant coach. Will remain as Assistant Director for Athletics at Avila in addition to his coaching responsibilities.

Ms. Jennifer Berry '94: On third year teaching 5th grade at Basalt Middle School. Also, working on Master's degree for Curriculum Assessment.

Jenny Kramer '94: Along with her husband, Jeff, are the owners of the newest franchise of Fun House Pizza in Independence.

John Welch '94: Constructs sets at Unicorn Theater.

Mrs. Cindy M. Knott '94: Is teaching Math & Social Studies at St. Pauls in Olathe.

Chris Eynard '95: Recently took a position as a production assistant at Unicorn Theater.

Jane Malone '95: Now she teaches at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Overland Park, KS.

Debra Baanders '96: Has been hired as a high school social studies teacher for the Harrison R-9 School District for the 1996-97 year.

Cindie Luchtefeld '96: Is focusing on her new career in the postpartum family centered care unit at St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City, MO.

Ms. Susan Mills '96: Passed the CPA exam on the first attempt — a feat only accomplished by 10-20% of candidates in the nation.

1997 Alumni of the Year

Sandra Winch '82
Lifetime Board Member
Mike McCallow '88
Recent Alumni Award
Mary Beth Malsie Swartz '47
Outstanding Alumni Award
Sister Rosemary Flanigan '47
Outstanding Alumni Award
Jose Gonzalez '78
Alumni Achievement Award
Pat Bartholome '69
Alumni Service Award
Tom Gordon
Honorary Alumni Award

Previous award recipients:
Nancy Barr '75
The Honorable Edith Messina '66
Sister Rose Anthony '36
Dorothy Whitfield '55
Jeanne Collins Thompson '54
Theresa Morris Egelhoff '65
Sister Ellen Marie Gavin '38
David Frantze '76
Joan Huse Reist '80
Kathleen Brown McPhilliamy '55
Robert Spence '77
Judy Holmes Thompson '85
Mary Elizabeth Dolan '29
Mary Lou Lillis '48
Pat Jansen Doyle '51
Sister Suzanne Giblin '58
Debbie Mize '85 and 87
Dr. Phyliss Bernstein '80 and '81
Patrick Wood '88
Theresa Doyle Witt '82
Matty Pat Gilford '46
Sister Kathleen Condry, OSU '72
Nancy Haworth Fryer '80, '90

Honored in 1995 as Honorary Alumni: Dr. Larry Kramer and Sister Olive Louise Dallavis

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THE COMPASS

Dear Fellow Alumni:

The past year has been one of the busiest years ever for the Avila Alumni Association Board. One of the exciting differences has been the increase in the involvement of your board members. We are now seeing more plans in action as we reach out to even greater numbers of alumni.

Some of the progress in current programs and plans for new programs is reviewed here.

The first Alumni Association Strategic Plan was written and approved by the board. Through its direction and revisions over time, it will allow greater event planning, fiscal accountability and increased communication opportunities.

The past year of research and analysis has produced exciting guidelines for alumni chapter association development. Whether geographically, academically or interest related, groups of alumni are requesting assistance in organizing alumni chapters. The opportunities for connecting to the college through these groups are endless.

The Alumni Scholarship Program continues to offer tuition support for the children of Avila alumni. This fall 16 students will receive tuition from this program which is benefited by our annual golf classic fund-raiser. Now in its 14th year, this event involves alumni, friends and students while raising monies for student scholarships. Serving as recruiters in introducing prospective students to our college is yet another way we can offer student support.

Each year since 1987, the Alumni Recognition Program has recognized outstanding alumni who demonstrate leadership, service to humanity and support of the College's ideals. Recipients of the Alumni of the Year Awards are nominated by fellow alumni, colleagues, friends, faculty and family members for such qualities as moral values, spiritual growth, service to others, outstanding accomplishments and leadership.

Karen Saar Garrison '87

Through event attendance, volunteer participation and committee leadership, an unprecedented number of over 2,000 alumni and friends were involved with the college this year as a result of alumni board planning. There could be no more exciting time than now to become involved in alumni activities.

I encourage you to become involved by attending an alumni event or sporting event in your area, volunteering for an alumni project, joining an alumni chapter or recruiting your favorite high school senior.

I welcome your ideas and input as we continue to build our Avila Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

Karen Saar Garrison '87
Alumni Board President

Upcoming Alumni Events

November 1
Alumni Basketball Game
December 4 & 7
Cocoa & Carols
December 16
Food for Finals
February 13
Alumni Night at Basketball
February 14
Avila-Rockhurst Game
March 14
22nd Annual Avila College Steer Dinner and Auction

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